

OPINION 979

**CULEX ALBIROSTRIS MACQUART, 1850 (INSECTA, DIPTERA):
SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS**

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *albirostris* Macquart, 1850, as published in the binomen *Culex albirostris*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *albirostris* Macquart, 1850, as published in the binomen *Culex albirostris* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 982.

(3) The specific name *vigilax* Skuse, 1889, as published in the binomen *Culex vigilax*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2474.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1889)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Elizabeth N. Marks and Dr. Peter Brown in May 1969. The application was sent to the printer on 13 June 1969 and was published on 7 April 1970 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 26 : 227–229. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to seven entomological serials. No comment was received, but a correction to the application was made by Dr. Marks—para. 2, lines 2–3, the reference to F. H. Taylor should read “(1912, *Bull. N. Terr. Aust.* 1a : 27)”. The same correction should be made in Annex 1.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 June 1971 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (71)12 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 26 : 228. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 9 September 1971 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—seventeen (17), received in the following order: Holthuis, Vokes, Mayr, Lemche, Melville, Binder, Simpson, Starobogatov, Bonnet, Alvarado, Jaczewski, Sabrosky, Eisenmann, Tortonese, Forest, Ride, Munroe.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Kraus.

Commissioner Brinck returned a late affirmative vote.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

albirostris, *Culex*, Macquart, 1850, *Dipt. Exot.*, suppl. 4 : 10

vigilax, *Culex*, Skuse, 1889, *Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W.* (2) 3 : 1731

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (71)12 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that Voting Paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 979.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

13 October 1971